



Charity boost for blind kids

A VISUALLY impaired child from St Albans will be able to continue to play sports at a club after a charity donation.

Nine-year-old Ciara Gavigan is one of 60 youngsters in the region who will benefit from sport and activity days thanks to a donation of £20,000 to the charity Action for Blind People by Give it Away Ltd.

Action for Blind People will be investing the money given by the construction company in their Actionnaires clubs.

Actionnaires is open to children who are blind or partially sighted, aged four to 16, and provides them with opportunities to get involved in sport and other social activities, helping them make friends and build self-confidence.

Ciara is a member of the North London Actionnaires club and was attending a Goalball event when the

Give it Away presented the cheque.

Chief executive of Give it Away, Charlotte Grobien met youngsters who took part in the event which involved throwing a ball, with bells embedded in it towards the opponent's goal.

She said: "I love coming to Actionnaires' events - I always learn something new and I am in awe of the sports activities these young people undertake, proving to themselves and others that sight loss should never be a barrier to fun or achievement.

"Joining in with Ciara and the other children brings home why Action for Blind People is such a worthy cause to support. Many of the children don't get to participate in sport at all outside of their Actionnaires club.

Ciara said: "I like Actionnaires and all the different things we do."

